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World Environment Day

Minister launches Tree Plantation Drive

Lauds MUDA Chairman's initiative to plant 25,000 saplings this season

District Minister S.T. Somashekar watering a sapling to mark World Environment Day and launch MUDA's initiative to plant 25,000 saplings at a programme held at Hasiru Mysuru ***Nursery on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road this morning. Also seen are*** *(from left)* ***MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, MLA S.A. Ramdas, MP Pratap Simha and KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda.***

Mysuru, June 5 (PM&SSV)- Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar symbolically planted a sapling to mark the World Environment Day here.

At a function held at *Hasiru Mysuru* Nursery near Devarayanakere on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road this morning, he also kick-started an ambitious programme of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to plant 25,000 saplings this season. The programme was jointly organised by District Administration, Forest Department, MUDA, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and *Hasiru Mysuru* Nursery.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister complimented MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who is also the President of Hasiru Foundation, for this commitment for planting one lakh saplings across the city.

(See ENVIRONMENT DAY on page 7)

Clash of Commissioners

CM to decide this evening

B.S. Yediyurappa *Rohini Sindhuri* *Shilpa Nag*

Bengaluru / Mysuru, June 5 (KMS,PM,SSV&BCT)- Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa this morning and apprised the CM about the tussle between Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag as a fall out of alleged harassment by the DC as claimed by the MCC Commissioner.

Ravikumar explained to Yediyurappa about the events that followed after Shilpa Nag's press conference on Thursday, the protests in support of her, the stand taken by the elected representatives in Mysuru and also the documentary evidence produced both by Rohini Sindhuri and Shilpa Nag making their stand clear.

However, as of now no official word has come out either from the CM's office or the office of the Chief Secretary. Sources, however, said that a decision will be taken by this evening to put an end to the issue. The squabble between the two senior officers has already left the Government red-faced and has given enough fodder for the Opposition parties to criticise the Government.

At 1.30 pm today, however, Yediyurappa addressed reporters and told them that a decision will be taken in the evening. "The Chief Secretary has explained to me regarding the issue and we will discuss this today evening and take a decision," the CM said.

Meanwhile, Co-operation and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar too said in Mysuru this morning that Yediyurappa will take a decision on the issue this evening. "I came to know that Chief Secretary (CS) spoke to both Rohini Sindhuri and Shilpa Nag. The CS has briefed everything to CM and Yediyurappa will take a decision by this evening", the Minister said.

(See CM on page 7)

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for Vikram Muthanna's Black & White titled "**Ladies, you got played... Mysuru in Trouble**". —**Ed***

CFTRI's immunity-boosting food for children awaits approval

Mysuru, June 5 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru-based Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) institute, has come up with a couple of immune-boosting food supplements for COVID-19 patients, especially children.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh said that during the first wave, CFTRI had supplied nutritious food like Spirulina-based chikkies containing micro-nutrients and protein.

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Giving Food a Future

"We supplied them to thousands of migrants who were going from one part of the country to another during lockdown. We also gave them to healthcare and frontline workers in Karnataka and as there is a probable threat for children in the third wave, we are coming up with immunity-boosting supplements for little ones," she said.

A couple of proposals have been sent to CSIR for approvals and the CFTRI will take a call on child immuno-supplements after the approvals. "As it involves the children, there are some protocols to be followed and such foods cannot be distributed directly to the children. Even there are processes to be followed before such foods are subjected to clinical tests and trials. These are not like Spirulina chikkies that suited all age-group adults," she added.

A couple of food products that help boost immunity among children are in the pipeline at CFTRI and tests need to be done on how these foods actually boost immunity, sources said and added that the institution is awaiting approval from the CSIR. The CSIR has already written to Chief Secretaries of all States offering help from CFTRI and other CSIR laboratories to produce immunity-boosting foods. The CSIR is expecting approvals for this.

(See CFTRI on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 5th June 2021

Previous Mayoral poll fallout

I will do what High Command says: MLA Tanveer Sait

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&DM)- After the bitter fallout with Opposition leader Siddharamaiah's camp following the last Mayoral election held on Feb. 24, in which Rukmini Madegowda of the JD(S) was elected Mayor, N.R. Constituency Congress MLA Tanveer Sait has said that he will do only what the Congress High Command asks him to do.

Speaking to presspersons at his residence in Udayagiri here on Thursday, Tanveer Sait said that now a Deputy Mayor has got an opportunity to function as Acting Mayor, though for a brief period, adding that the annulment of the election of Rukmini from Ward 36 was expected.

With the MCC announcing June 11 as the date for electing a new Mayor, he said he will do whatever his party (Congress) gives him in writing.

Maintaining that the Congress had joined hands with the JD(S) with the sole purpose of keeping the BJP out of power, Sait said he felt disappointed over the developments in the party post-Mayoral election.

Reiterating that he will do whatever the party asks him to do, only if given in writing, Sait contended that he was unfairly targeted by some party leaders over his role in the Mayoral polls on Feb. 24.

Replying to a question on the continuation of JD(S)-Congress alliance in the MCC, Sait said that he has already held first round of talks with JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh, when Mahesh said that the JD(S) was willing to leave the Mayor post for this term, if the Congress agrees to leave the Mayor's Office to the JD(S) for the remaining two terms of the present tenure of the MCC. He has written a letter to the party High Command on the terms and conditions set out by the JD(S), Sait added.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

International arrangements such as COVAX were premised on India being a large supplier to Africa and several countries around the world with no vaccine development facilities. Now that the Government has prevented the Serum Institute of India from honouring its supply commitments, it is unclear if international suppliers would trust India's demand for large supply. The unpredictability in policy also weakens India's ambit of negotiations now that it seems desperate to increase short-term vaccine supply. Moreover, given that vaccines are the most sought-after goods, it is unlikely India would be prioritised so late in the day. There is optimism of increased and significant supply from Bharat Biotech and SII by August. At this stage, it appears that the Centre has few options other than waiting for its domestic suppliers to hike production. Increased supply from abroad is unlikely in the near future, even if resources for procurement are not a constraint. It must however heed the States' core demand that they be given a greater say in deciding how best to distribute the vaccine. The Centre can be a monitor of and an adviser to the process; and if it becomes the sole buyer, it can spell out a transparent distribution policy. But it ought to prioritise speedy administration over optics. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bride dies during wedding, groom marries her sister

UP: A man ended up marrying the bride's sister, after his betrothed succumbed to a heart attack during the wedding at Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh.

The young bride, suddenly fell unconscious right next to the groom, right before the 'pheras' ceremony, an important ritual in Hindu weddings. The woman reportedly said that she felt unwell and then collapsed. An ambulance was called, but the paramedics confirmed the young woman's death.

Following the tragic death, both families sat down and discussed their options going forward and came to a conclusion of marrying the dead bride's sister to the groom. The wedding ceremony was conducted in a very gloomy atmosphere, as the bride's body was literally in the next room. The bride's sister is said to have accepted the marriage as a duty to her family.

Square-shaped droppings by Wombats

Sydney: Despite having round anuses like all other mammals, bare-nosed wombats do not produce round pellets, tubular coils or messy piles; they are the only creature on Earth that poops cubes.

Wombats, native to the grassy plains and eucalyptus forests of Australia, are among the most adorable animals in the world, but to animal experts they have been a tough-to-solve mystery for a very long time. And it has all been because of their poop. Wombats produce up to 100 distinctive, cuboid pieces of poop every day.

Researchers at Georgia Institute of Technology first started studying the bare-nosed wombat's ability to poop cubes back in 2018. Softer intestinal regions squeeze slowly and mold the final corners of the cube, researchers found. Interestingly, in most mammals, the contractions of intestinal muscles occur in all directions, but in wombats, the grooved tissue and irregular contractions shape the poop differently.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Skincare tips during COVID-19: Most of us are washing hands or using hand sanitizer more frequently these days, we are also wearing face masks in public or during works shifts for longer duration. These safety measures are key to reducing the spread of virus, but they can irritate & damage your hands & face can help us counteract these effects.

Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist

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Fructose makes up 10 % of the American diet. The average American consumes the equivalent of A 16-OZ soft drink per day. That works out to about 50 gallons per year. Is it any wonder that Americans are becoming diabetic in record numbers?

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
Day's Positive Cases	1,573	1,265
Total Positive Cases	1,47,228	1,48,493
Day's Discharges	1,322	1,636
Total Discharges	1,30,079	1,31,715
Day's Deaths	12	18
Total Deaths	1,663	1,681
Total Active Cases	15,486	15,097

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Fresh Mayoral election: Nomination begins

Mysuru, June 5- Following the announcement of June 11 as the date for fresh Mayoral election, the mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has said that the nomination of papers has started.

In a press release, the MCC said that the aspirants can file their nomination papers in Form 27 on all working days from June 3 to 11. The candidates are also allowed to file their nominations in the two-hour period from 8 am to 10 am on June 11, ahead of the election that will take place at 12 noon, at the chambers of the MCC Council Secretary in Chamaraja Wadiyar Hall of MCC Main Office. An intimation has been sent in this regard to the MP, MLAs, MLCs and MCC Corporators, the release said.

REALLY...?

- ***The first bus line in the world was started in Paris in 1662.***
- ***In 1828 between La Madeleine and La Bastille in Paris, the first omnibus service started. The word was coined after the name of a hat shop in Nantes called Omnes Omnibus where the first bus line terminated in an early trial. The word omnibus is derived from Latin, meaning for all. The name stuck and the word bus is now recognised in the majority of languages on earth.***
- ***The city with the largest bus network in the world is Jakarta, Indonesia. It has a total of 251.2 km (156 miles) of bus lines operated by 3,900 buses!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Dad: "How was your History paper?"
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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.92
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.23
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.85
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Common drain pipe from terrace and bathroom

Sir,

Some months back MCC had mooted the idea of penalising house owners if they find common drain pipe from terrace and bathroom. This was a welcome move, as drain pipe from terrace should be separate, so that water comes in compound and goes in the designated storm water drain.

If this pipe were to be common, then during monsoon, the water flows into UGD system choking the already undersized drainage pipes.

It is surprising that many houses have common pipe, which needs correction. At the same time MCC and MUDA have not taken any initiative for this correction.

In the present pandemic situation with many losing jobs, MCC can hire people on temporary basis, for the checks and collecting fines. A portion of fine can be paid to these hired persons.

If correction is not made within stipulated time, a higher fine for second offence be levied.

Will the MCC and MUDA Commissioners, wake up and act?

— A.V. Prasanna
Mysuru
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Auto, cab drivers vaccinated

Mysuru, June 5 (RKB&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar on Friday launched the drive for vaccinating (first dose) drivers of autos and cabs in Mysuru.

The COVID vaccination drive launched under the aegis of the Transport Department in association with the Health Department, was held at the city bus stand, sub-urban bus stand and city railway station, where a total of 729 drivers received Covishield jabs. Sub-urban bus stand saw the maximum number of vaccinations with 280, followed by Railway Station with 230 and city bus stand with 219.

RTO L. Deepak, who is the Nodal Officer for the vaccination drive, said that the drive will continue on Saturday too. He appealed all registered drivers to get vaccinated for their own safety and health.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait and L.Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, JLR Chairman M. Appanna, KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller (DC) Srinivas, City Division DC S.P. Nagaraj, District Vaccination Nodal Officer Dr. L. Ravi and others were present.

Over 3 crore COVID-19 tests conducted in Karnataka

Bengaluru, June 5 (UNI)- Minister for Health and Medical Education Dr. K. Sudhakar on Friday said that over 3 crore COVID-19 tests have been conducted in the State since the pandemic broke out last year.

''Karnataka has cumulatively conducted 3,01,49,275 COVID-19 tests till Wednesday since March 8, 2020, when the pandemic broke out in the State,'' Dr. Sudhakar said in a statement.

The cumulative tests include 51,27,867 Rapid Antigen Tests and 2,50,21,408 RT-PCR tests, besides other methods, during the last 15 months.

On the all-India COVID-19 tracker of the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry dashboard, Karnataka ranks second after Maharashtra on many indicators, including the total number of infections (26,53,446) and deaths (30,531) till Thursday. According to the data, the State ranked top in the number of active cases — 2,86,798 across the country as of Thursday. "Of the total tests carried out in the State, 82 percent are through RT-PCR method in 196 ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) approved labs across the State," said Dr. Sudhakar.

In the first five months of 2021, 1,59,53,210 tests were conducted across the State, including 14,01,064 RAT and 1,45,52,146 RT-PCR. In 10 months from March to December 31, 2020, 1,41,96,065 tests were conducted, including 37,26,803 through RAT and 1,04,69,262 through RT-PCR, the Government said.

Mucormycosis - Homoeopathic treatment protocol approved by AYUSH

Kolkata, June 5 (UNI)- Mucormycosis - Homoeopathic treatment protocol has been approved by AYUSH, said Dr. Samit Ghosh, Consultant Homoeopath at the OPD, Barrackpore, National Institute of Homoeopathy here.

"Mucormycosis or the dreaded Black Fungus is a potentially dangerous condition which spreads from Mucor fungus and can always be found in our surroundings but does not spread in our bodies as immunity usually shields us from the dangerous effects. But since the second surge of COVID-19 we are losing many lives across India due to Mucormycosis. Though it is not yet certain the reason for the spread of Mucormycosis but primarily those with diabetes, cancer or those who have consumed strong drugs against COVID-19 virus and have compromised immunity are more susceptible to Mucormycosis," Dr. Ghosh said.

"Homoeopathy can play a very important role in fighting Mucormycosis effectively, like it does in case of many other diseases. Every COVID patient must intake a proper, balanced diet, practice physical exercises like yoga and medication to improve immunity. Timely intervention through classical Homoeopathy medicines and hospitalisation can help patients combat death. Homeopathy does not have the same medicines for the same disease/health condition, most of it is determined through symptomatic treatment but it is advised that the patient must consult a classical homoeopath," he said.

Dr. Ghosh further stated, "In certain cases of similar symptoms amongst a large number of patients help homoeopaths determine a treatment protocol of administering similar medicines and they work very well on them. Like in the case of COVID, Arsenic Album or Bryonia worked wonders. Apart from this IN-VITRO model has been widely investigated and researched and it has been found out that homoeopathy medicines have effectively worked against the growth of different forms of fungus and clinical studies have shown efficacy of homoeopathy drugs against these."

Mucormycosis is usually accompanied by pain, swelling and reddish skin around the eyes and nose, fever, cough, headache, cold, vomiting with blood, mood swings. To counter this, the Ministry of AYUSH, under the Central Government has issued a Homoeopathy Medical Protocol," he said.

Obituary

Ratnakara Rao

Mysuru, June 5- Ratnakara Rao (75), industrialist and a resident of Saraswathipuram here, passed away this morning following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Kaveramma, four sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this afternoon.

G. Gopal

G. Gopal (65), Contractor, PWD Department and a resident of Raghavendranagar in city, passed away last evening.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Giriyabhovipalya burial grounds here this morning.

Gopala

Gopala (70), a resident of Lalitadripura in city, passed away on Wednesday.

He leaves behind his wife Chandramma, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

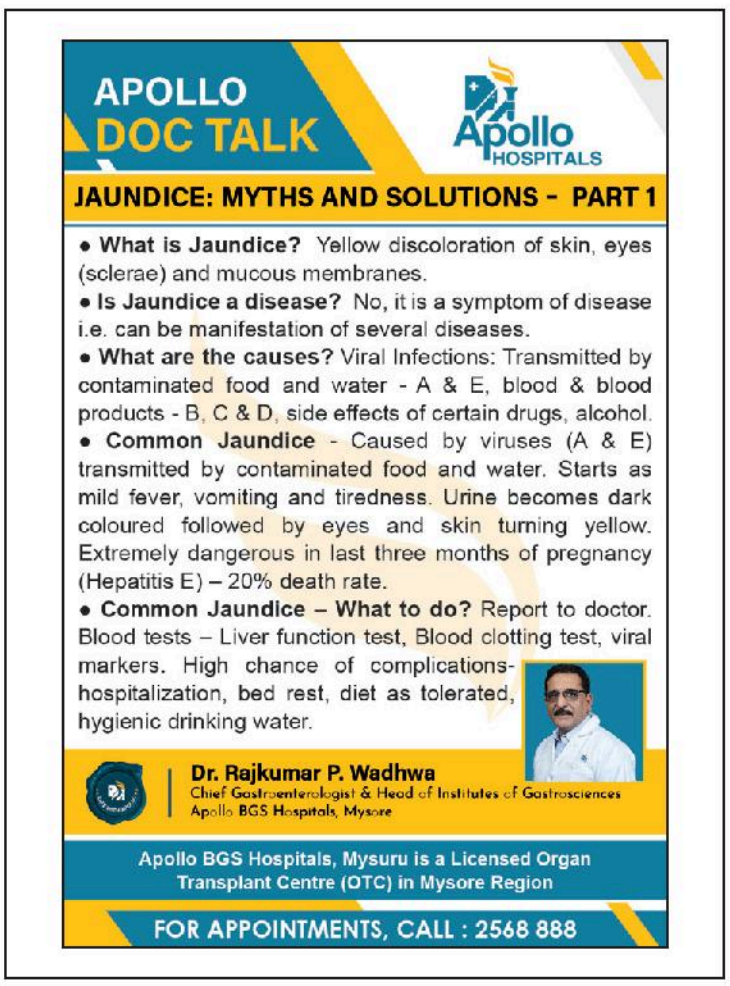
Last rites were performed at his farmland.

COVID vaccination registration: Virtual Help Desk launched

Mysuru, June 5- HP India in collaboration with Jubilant Bhartia Foundation (JBF) has launched a virtual help desk to facilitate COVID-19 vaccination registration on CoWIN portal.

The service will help people who have restricted or no access to smartphones or the internet and are dependent on others to register on their behalf.

People can get themselves registered on the portal from the safety of their homes by calling the national **toll-free number 18004194961,** according to a release from Director of JBF Rajesh Srivastava and Managing Director of HP India Ketan Patel.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Trust donates grocery kits to tribals in distress

Mysuru, June 5- Following a news item titled **'Tribals fight for livelihood in Corona-free Muthathi village'** published in *SOM* dated May 24 (Page-4) which threw light on the woes of around 150 tribal families living in Muthathi forest area of Malvalli taluk in Mandya district due to COVID crisis, Sri Jana Jagarana Trust has lent its helping hands.

The volunteers of Sri Jana Jagarana Trust led by its Vibhaga Pracharak Akshaya, visited Soligara Colony, Byadarahalli, Soligaradoddi, Adavi and B. Hosuru on May 25 and distributed grocery kits to those families in distress.

SOM effect

Facility for caretakers

Apart from this, the Trust, along with Seva Bharati, has provided basic amenities in the old Public Prosecutor Office (Government building) in Hassan and provided the facility for free for the caretakers of COVID patients who have come from villages.

The facilities include three time food, two time *kashaya*, toilet and bathing facility and hot water for drinking purpose. A total of 18 men, 12 women can be accommodated in the building. This has ended the problems faced by the patients' caretakers who so far had to stay put in the hospital premises or on the roadsides.

Donations pour in during pandemic times

Federation of Mysuru Petroleum Traders donated 2,000 litres of petrol for the volunteers working at the COVID Telecare Centre. This was donated to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag on June 1 in the presence of Rtn. S.K. Dinesh, Secretary of Indian Oil Dealers Association Ranjith Hegde, other Rotarians and petroleum dealers.

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, near Sub-Urban Bus Stand on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, donated 300 grocery kits to Goldsmith Association to be distributed to the needy goldsmiths. Malabar Gold Store Head Sharaffuddin, Store employee Gireesh, Association President Mallikarjun and Vice-President Venkatesh were present.

B. Kumar, proprietor of Varsha Cables and S.Devaraj, proprietor of Shreyas Medicals in city, have together donated medicines, medical equipment and Oxygen masks worth Rs.5 lakh to the District Hospital towards treatment of COVID patients. MLA L. Nagendra handed over the medicines to the District Hospital authorities at a programme held at the Hospital on Thursday. Corporator Pailwan Srinivas, former Corporator Girish Prasad, BJP leader Somashekar Raju, District Hospital Medical Officers Dr. Rajeshwari, Dr. Nayaz Pasha, Dr. Aravind, Dr. Mallika, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Meena, Saleena and others were present.

Govind Shenoy** (centre) **of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi family seen donating 4,000 PPE kits to MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar in city recently as others look on.

Shilpa-Sindhuri squabble
to be settled by Yediyurappa

Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar holding a meeting at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) in city yesterday. Also seen are (from left) ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and ATI Joint Director (Training) Gyanendra Kumar Gangwar.

Mysuru, June 5 (SBD&BCT)- The slugfest between Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag on official duties, responsibilities and COVID pandemic management in Mysuru city has reached its peak and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is expected to settle the discord among senior officers in a day or two.

Revenue Minister R. Ashoka hinted in Bengaluru that the differences has reached Yediyurappa and a decision would be taken by the CM.

"He is apprised of the matter and the Government has already asked Mysuru Regional Commissioner to probe and submit a report on the allegation that the Mysuru DC was constructing a swimming pool and gym at her official residence, which is a heritage structure. The report will be submitted in a week," he said.

State Chief Secretary (CS) P. Ravikumar visited Mysuru yesterday, a day after Shilpa Nag announced her resignation from the IAS, alleging harassment by Rohini Sindhuri.

The CM told reporters in Belagavi that the Chief Secretary will speak to the officers and even the Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar was in Mysuru. "The CS will submit a report to me," he said.

In Mysuru, the Chief Secretary had a closed door meeting with the warring IAS officers along with Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash.

Both the DC and the MCC Commissioner explained their stand before Ravikumar who also collected feedback from other district-level officers who are involved in COVID management. The main agenda of the meeting was COVID in Mysuru and the resignation issue was also discussed.

Before leaving Mysuru, the Chief Secretary told reporters that he would apprise the CM and arrive at a decision in two days. He was, however, silent on what transpired in the meeting. However, according to sources, the Chief Secretary was unhappy with Shilpa Nag for airing her grievances before the media.

Shilpa Nag arrived late for the meeting held at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) as she had to attend an event in Suttur Mutt.

She went ahead and submitted her resignation letter to Ravikumar who refused to accept it, sources added. Earlier, before entering the meeting hall at ATI, Ravikumar maintained that he has not received Nag's handwritten resignation letter.

127-page CSR accounts report

During the meeting, Shilpa Nag submitted a 127-page report to the Chief Secretary on how the MCC had spent funds it had got from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives by the companies in Mysuru.

Later, the report was also released to media where all communication received by the MCC Commissioner from the DC regarding the CSR funds, the actual donations received from companies, allotted and distributed to COVID Mitras and also distributed among home isolation patients were detailed.

In her statement to media, Shilpa Nag clarified that DC Rohini Sindhuri had made baseless and misleading statements against her.

"The allegation made by the DC that the CSR account statement and reports were not furnished by me is false. The MCC Commissioner was appointed as the District Nodal Officer for CSR funds by the DC on May 7. But the DC issued another order on June 1 removing the MCC Commissioner as the District Nodal Head," Shilpa Nag said, producing documentary evidence.

Guest teachers to hold
online protest tomorrow

Mysuru, June 5- Seeking fulfilment of various demands which chiefly included announcement of a COVID package for guest teachers and job security, guest teachers under the banner of All India Save education Committee (AISEC), will stage a Statewide online protest tomorrow (June 6).

In a press release, the AISEC said that many guest teachers are serving at schools coming under the Department of Public Instructions, Social Welfare Department, Backward Classes Welfare Department and Minorities Welfare Department for years.

Pointing out that most of the guest teachers are serving in rural areas, it said that due to COVID crisis, the teachers have run into financial problems and are also facing the threat of job loss.

In such a critical situation, the Government must come to the rescue of teachers by announcing an exclusive financial package, the release said.

Don't hold SSLC exam in
students' interest: Commission

Mysuru, June 5 (SPN&SSV)- A whopping 72.6 percent of respondents are against conducting the SSLC annual examination due to the current second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

This came to light during a survey conducted by the Karnataka State Child Rights Protection Commission (KSCRPC) seeking people's opinion on conducting examination. The Commission had contacted 59.6 percent of parents whose children are studying in Government Schools, 16.6 percent of parents of students studying in Private Schools and 23.8 percent of parents whose wards are in Aided schools. All of them have opposed holding SSLC examination in the current situation. Besides, the survey conducted in rural areas has also revealed that a majority of parents have said 'no' to exams. The respondents included tribes, teachers, SDME members and parents. The compilation of public opinion had been handed over to the Department of Public Instructions two days ago.

Few wants exam: The Commission noted that only 27.4 percent of respondents have batted for exam that too if the State Government takes all precautionary measures. One of the recommendations has been creating the safety atmosphere. A majority of teachers have opined that it was not feasible to hold exam since offline classes have not been held. Besides, it was very risky to ask the students to appear for examination in view of the current COVID crisis.

Commission's recommendations

• Cancel the annual SSLC exam this year; • Make alternative arrangements on the lines of CBSE; • Restrict online classes to urban areas; • Resume Vidyagama for rural kids; • Provide nutritious food for kids; • Supply text books and learning material to students wherever they are.

State Government must cancel the annual SSLC exam on the lines of CBSE and other Central examination due to COVID and also in the interest of children.

—M.L. Parshuram, Member, Karnataka State Child Rights Protection Commission

New academic year
to start from July 1

Bengaluru, June 5- The new academic year (2021-22) for schools in the State will start from July 1.

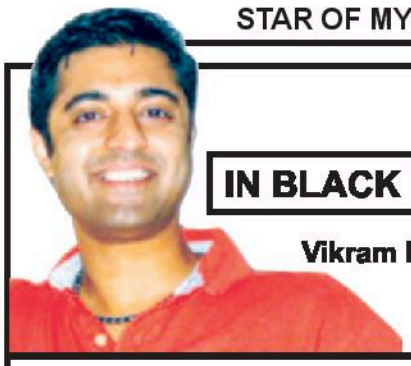
Announcing this here yesterday, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said that all Government, aided and unaided Primary and High Schools in the State have been asked to start the admission process from June 15 and complete it by Aug. 31. He pointed out that the Government will shortly take a decision on whether to conduct physical or online classes depending upon the COVID situation then.

Referring to the issue of School fees, Suresh Kumar said that the fee issue concerning private schools is before the High Court, which will decide on the matter.

He further said that the new academic year (2021-22) will have 223 school days after deduction of summer holidays, Dasara holidays and other public holidays.

State Chief Secretary inspects hospitals in city

State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar, accompanied by other officials of the district, is seen inspecting the premises of Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS Road in city yesterday. He also visited District Hospital on KRS Road and K.R. Hospital in city.



IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Ladies, you got played... Mysuru in Trouble

In a dramatic turn of events, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag on Thursday announced that she was resigning not only from her position as the MCC Commissioner but from being an IAS Officer itself at a press conference !

This new twist to the already ongoing spat between the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri and local politicians raises a lot of questions such as — Why did Shilpa Nag announce her resignation at a press conference instead of following protocol and submitting it to the Chief Secretary?

If her reason for resignation was harassment by DC, why didn't she file a harassment complaint or notify her superiors about it? And why did Shilpa Nag pen an 18-page "hand-written" resignation letter, with scratched out lines and corrections, which seemed unprofessional, very much unlike an IAS Officer?

All this, along with the fact that an official resignation letter still has not been handed over to the Chief Secretary leaves us wondering, is Shilpa Nag really serious about her resignation or was it just a momentary emotional outburst? More importantly, was it just the DC's behaviour that drove her to resign?

Indeed, each individual has a threshold for "belittlement" but was it really Rohini Sindhuri who pushed her to that edge of resignation or was Shilpa Nag pushed to this emotional edge by politicians who used her like a pawn to get to the DC?

Since Rohini Sindhuri came to Mysuru, local politicians wanted her gone. In spite of repeated barbs she has survived and stayed. Then the politicians seem to have come up with a strategy — use Shilpa, a Junior IAS Officer to spite Rohini Sindhuri, who is her Senior Officer.

It was obvious that this was the strategy deployed because in the past month suddenly instead of the DC being invited to attend important events and COVID meetings, it was MCC Commissioner who was being invited. Later, when politicians formed their Task Forces they excluded the DC, Head of the District, but included the MCC Commissioner.

Surely, DC Rohini Sindhuri being the Top Officer of the District Administration must have been miffed with Shilpa, her Junior, for attending meetings that she was not supposed to. This led to misunderstanding and trust deficit between the two IAS Officers and finally the falling out.

One must congratulate our politicians for how they outsmarted two IAS Officers, the so-called best and brightest among Officers. The politicians took two Officers, Shilpa and Rohini, who were working in perfect harmony until last month, turned them against each other and now are sitting pretty waiting to get one of them transferred. Wah! Well-played *netas*.

Now, while most of the politicians want Rohini out, no one seems to be able to articulate why exactly they want her gone?

What is interesting is that the same people,who did not even demand a suspension, let alone transfer of Chamarajanagar DC or any other official after 24 people died in Chamarajanagar, now want Mysuru DC transferred, for what? They don't say!

Why are our leaders not telling us why they want Mysuru DC transferred in the middle of COVID with a third wave expected? Is it corruption? Ah! The swimming pool case. Well, there is an enquiry that has begun it will be over in a week, if found guilty by all means get her out, until then wait?

Is it dereliction of duty then? If so, give specifics. If found guilty, then have her transferred. Until then let her work.

Unfortunately, even MCC Commissioner Shilpa's accusations against the DC were more like an emotional outburst rather than specific in nature.

Meanwhile, we must also take note of the fact that while Shilpa Nag, undoubtedly an empathetic officer, says she is proud of Mysureans, she has deserted us in our hour of need. At a time when a third wave is expected which may affect our children for which preparations are being made she has quit!

On the other hand, Rohini Sindhuri who has been repeatedly and publicly mocked as "Maharani" and a "model", accused of destroying heritage building, shouted at in meetings, had her competence questioned in press meets and letters written against her to the Chief Minister, she has not run away.

She has not called a press meet to cry foul against politicians, nor written letters to CM complaining of political interference and nor has she resigned. She is here fighting the good fight to make COVID-*Muktha* Mysuru by July 1.

It makes one wonder how Shilpa Nag would react if she had experienced the kind of attacks that Rohini Sindhuri has?

There is no doubt that Shilpa Nag is an approachable Officer and Rohini is not, after speaking to people who have worked with both Officers. But each Officer has their own style of functioning.

Indeed, an IAS Officer who goes about their duty with a sense of empathy is more effective in regular situations. But we do not have a regular crisis on our hands, what we have now is a pandemic and in these COVID times we need a fighter not a quitter?

So we hope Shilpa Nag and Rohini Sindhuri work out their differences and realise they are being played by politicians and get back to work. After all, the third wave is going to affect our children and what better officers to have than two women, one empathetic and another result-oriented.

We hope Shilpa Nag also realises that the emotional distress she allegedly experienced because of Rohini's behaviour will be nothing compared to the pressure she will face with request for favours from the same politicians and her own MCC staff who are now praising her if she lets them take credit for saving her and keeping her here.

For now, what has happened in Mysuru will have long-term effect on our city. Even if a new DC comes we doubt he or she will have the courage to take on these local politicians? And that is what they want; they want the next DC to fear them. Why...?

Because, Mysuru is set for a post-COVID real estate boom. The completion of 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the Double-tracking, consistently functioning Airport, 5 new large industries and discovery that Mysuru is a good city to live by IT professionals, who moved to Mysuru during the pandemic, indicate that there is going to be a real estate boom.

And the land-sharks are already circling all along the Ring Road and beyond. So we wonder will the future DC, the head of all revenue matters in the district — from survey to conversion to *khata* — have the guts to take on these sharks? Let's pray they do.

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Environment Day celebrations

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Recently, thousands of saplings were given free by the Foundation upon request from Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer. It shows his concern for protection and preservation of environment, the Minister added.

Rajeev said that the Foundation has been taking up mass tree plantation drive in different parts of city for the last three to four years. "Last year we have planted 15,000 saplings despite pandemic and lockdown. We aim to plant 25,000 saplings this year," he added.

Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas also hailed Rajeev for his love for nature and said saplings were distributed house-to-house in his Constituency this morning.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji stressed on the need for maintaining a balance between nature and development as nature imbalance has paved way for several catastrophes. Experts have opined that excess greed of man has resulted in massive destruction of natural resources. The people have now understood the importance of trees due to acute shortage of oxygen faced by Corona patients. The old saying 'a tree per house, a forest for every village' is very appropriate now. The celebration of World Environment Day must not be restricted to one day but celebrate it on all 365 days, he said.

Appreciating Rajeev's endeavour to plant 25,000 saplings in all public parks and open spaces in city, the Seer offered to extend all possible help if needed to achieve this. "We are always ready to join hands with the Government agencies or with Hasiru Foundation to make the city green and clean", he pointed out.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha praised District in-Charge Minister Somashekar for taking personal interest in overall development of city by getting various schemes sanctioned from the Government. The Minister has so far mobilised Rs. 3.5 crore for the maintenance of Mysuru Zoo, he noted.

DC Rohini Sindhuri and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag were conspicuous by their absence.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, DCF Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda and others were present.

Former MLA Vasu, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna and others seen during Environment Day celebrations at Congress Office near City Railway Station this morning.

Krishnaraja MLA S. A. Ramdas distributing an ayurveda plant to a little girl in Krishnamurthypuram in City this morning on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Metikuppa Sub-Division Assistant Conservator of Forest S. P. Mahadev planted a sapling at Antharasanthe Wildlife Range as part of World Environment Day this morning. Range Forest Officer S.S.Siddaraju and Hon. Wildlife Wardens, Kruthika Alanahalli and Jeevan Krishnappa were present.

Nominated to Karnataka State Legal Services Authority

Umesh G. Shet

Mysuru, June 5- Umesh G. Shet, a retired Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), who is residing at Mysuru, is among the 11 persons who have been nominated as members of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), for a three year period or until further orders. He has been nominated under General Category (GC).

Umesh G. Shet is a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd stage in city.

The other members are: Dr. Mohanrao Nalwade (GC), Sridhar Prabhu (GC), Dr.M.R.Mallaiah(GC) and Meerabai (woman reserved),all residents of Bengaluru,Vinod Manohar Gaikwad (GC) of Belagavi, N.V.Lokesh (GC) of Ramanagar, Dr. Preethi V.Shanbhog of Shivamogga (Woman reserved), Dr. Basavaraj Poojar (SC) of Koppal, Dr. Manjunath Bevinakatti (ST)of Kannada University, Hampi, Vijayanagar District and Saraswathi Kilkile (OBC) of Raichur.

CFTRI's immunity-boosting food

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According to scientists and researchers at CFTRI, clinical and research results indicate that COVID-19 pathogenesis includes two phases — suppression of innate immune response and acute inflammation-driven damaging phase. Therefore, a better strategy to counteract the SARS-CoV-2 infection is to boost the immune response by food supplements, they noted

Research evidence shows that many nutritional supplements from different spices, herbs, fruits, roots and vegetables can reduce the risk or severity of a wide range of viral infections by boosting the immune response, particularly among individuals with insufficient dietary sources. The use of natural compounds and beneficial effects of certain nutrients such as zinc, vitamin D, vitamin C etc. would provide alternative support in addition to COVID-19 therapy, they said.

CM to decide this evening

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Asked when the Government will put an end to this serial-like fight among two IAS officers, the Minister said the Government was abreast of the development.

"The CM will not allow this situation to continue especially at a time when the pandemic is causing a big concern and he will put an end to this by today evening. I will also explain to the CM about Mysuru developments," Somashekar said.

He further said he has neither met nor briefed the CM on the fight between the two IAS Officers. Yediyurappa has his own sources through which he would have collected details. "It is not the time to talk about the actions of both these officers as our immediate priority is to make Mysuru COVID free with co-operation of all elected representatives, officers and doctors," he said.

On the comments from Congress that he failed as District Minister, Somashekar said that he was ready to tender resignation to his post if the Congress showed how he had been unsuccessful in handling COVID. "Before making allegations, let former MP Dhruvanarayan realise how many districts he had visited as KPCC Working President and for how long he will remain in that post. In fact, Congress Legislators are praising me for visiting rural areas to take stock of the pandemic," he added.

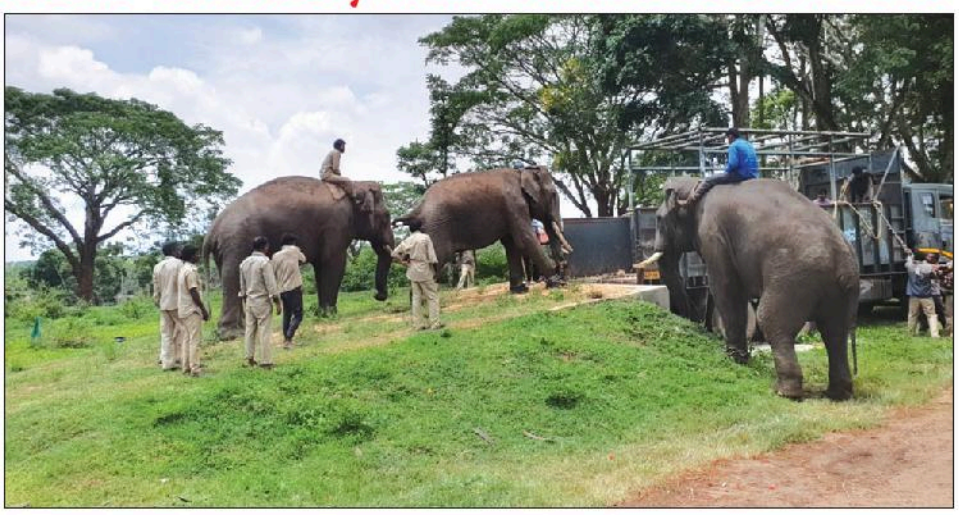
Obituary

Dr. C. Shivaswamy

Mysuru, June 5- Dr. C. Shivaswamy (83), a retired Civil Surgeon, K.R. Hospital, Mysuru, passed away in Mysuru this morning due to age-related illness. A resident of Siddarthanagar, Dr. Shivaswamy is survived by two sons and a daughter. Last rites were performed his native place in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district.

Tusker Kusha finally freed in Bandipur

Stealthily releasing him in an unfamiliar territory was uncalled for: PFA



Kushalnagar, June 5 (Raghu Hebbale&BCT)- Kusha, the wild-captured-tamed-recaptured elephant from Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu, has finally been released into the woods after a relentless campaign by animal lovers and following the intervention of former Union Environment Minister and sitting MP Maneka Gandhi. The tusker was radio-collared and released to Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Thursday.

The order was issued by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) Wildlife Vijaykumar Gogi after Forest Minister Aravind Limbavali ordered immediate release. On May 31, Maneka Gandhi had questioned the delay in the release of the tusker and she had expressed her displeasure over the attitude of the officers though the Minster himself had ordered the release on Apr. 20.

The 29-year-old jumbo was released at Moolehole Range of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, more than 150 kilometres from Dubare. He was radio-collared and was transported on a quick action force elephant truck. Kushalnagar Range Forest Officer (RFO) Ananya Kumar, Dubare DRFO K.P. Ranjan, Bandipur Tiger Reserve Veterinarian Dr. Wasim Mirza, Mahouts Dhobi and Chinnappa were present.

Kusha was captured by the Kodagu Circle Forest Department four years ago from Chettalli along with another elephant named Luv. After taming him at Dubare Elephant Camp, he was put to routine work of the Department for over three years. However, he escaped from the camp during his 'musth' condition and was traced after more than one year along with a mate.

He was recaptured and brought to Dubare and was re-tamed months back. Following a hue and cry and ethical questions over Kusha being separated from his mate and the intervention of Maneka Gandhi, Aravind Limbavali ordered the tusker to be released after radio-collaring. He was the most talked about elephant at Dubare and the officials denied that he was being ill-treated as claimed by green groups.

He was not put inside a kraal and was well looked after in the camp and the same was certified by the People For Animals (PFA) team, said Ananya Kumar.

The officials and staff bade goodbye to the elephant with a heavy heart as Kusha was mingling well with other elephants and gelled well with mahouts, obeying commands.

Put in unfamiliar territory

Though Kusha's release has been welcomed by conservationists, they are not happy with the fact that he was released in Bandipur, a territory that is unfamiliar to him. "He should have been released in Chettalli Range from where he was captured and he would have soon been acclimatised to the surroundings. Stealthily releasing him in an unfamiliar territory was uncalled for," Savitha Nagabhushan of PFA, Mysuru, told *Star of Mysore*.

She cited many incidents where tuskers were gored to death by powerful bulls at Bandipur even at Moolehole range where they roam.

"Kusha has a small physique even though he is a male elephant. The Bandipur elephants have stronger physiques and aggressive and it might be hard for Kusha to face the battle for survival. He will be safe only if he familiarises with the forest and finds a suitable herd. He cannot face competition from other male elephants as Kusha is tamed and less aggressive than other male elephants. PFA is deeply saddened by this behaviour of the PCCF as well as the administrators," she added.

Rains bring down tree, compound

Mysuru, June 5 (MK&KS)- The brief spell of rains in city on June 3 night, has uprooted a tree at Vivekananda Circle besides bringing down tree branches at Chamundipuram 4th Cross on Thursday.

The rains, which began with a drizzle at about 6 pm, picked up pace and began to pour continuously from 6.45 pm, which went on till 9 pm.

Huge branches of a tree on the 4th Cross in Chamundipuram broke and fell across the road disrupting power. Soon, MCC's Abhaya team, which arrived at the spot, cut the branches and cleared the road.

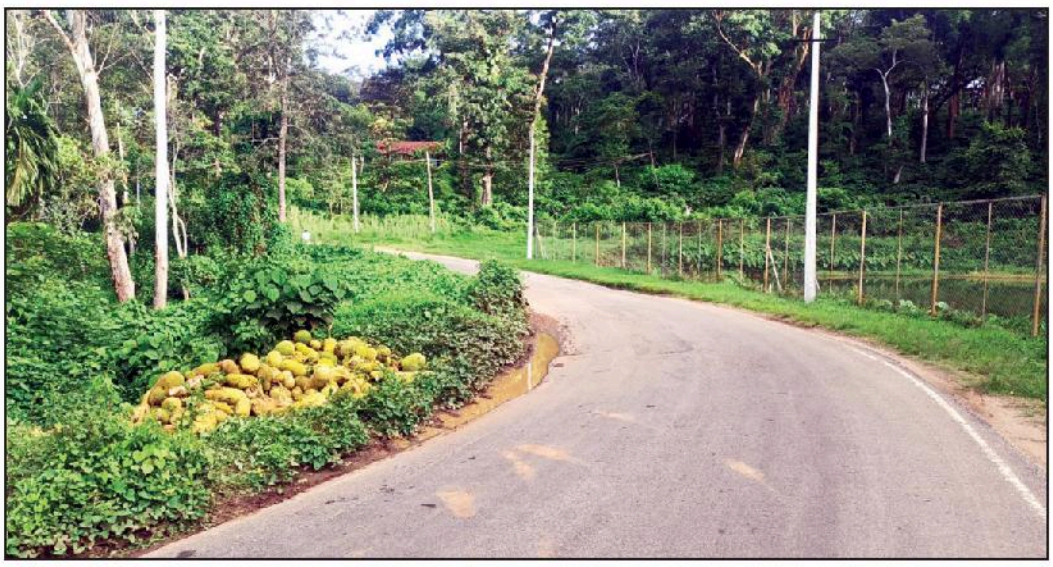
In another rain-related incident, the compound of Banashankari Park, next to Subbegowda Bus Shelter at Kuvempunagar collapsed on Thursday night.

Residents said that the compound was constructed just four months ago and added that the rain had exposed the sub-standard works.

Meanwhile, early in the day yesterday, a huge tree got uprooted due to wet soil at Vivekananda Circle. Abhaya team arrived and cut the tree to clear the road.

Jackfruits dumped on roadsides in Kodagu to feed wild elephants

Coffee growers find novel ways to protect their estates from herd raids



Kushalnagar, June 5 (Akshay&BCT)- Jackfruit is elephants' favourite fruit and they can smell the ripe ones from miles away. Elephants are dead clever and determined. If the fruit is too high for them to reach they'll shake the tree with their trunk until the fruit falls to the ground. And if there is an electric fence, they will break it down with a dry tree trunk and enter any plantation.

It is jackfruit season in Kodagu now and wild elephants raiding coffee estates in search of jackfruits is commonplace. They camp for days inside estates putting the lives of estate owners and also labourers in jeopardy as no one can venture into the estates till the herd or even a lone tusker leaves the property.

Wary of elephant raids, farmers and coffee growers have adopted newer ways and means to save their lives and property. They are plucking jackfruits from the trees and dumping them on the elephant path.

In fact, the Forest Department has to intervene in such elephant raids. But with no help forthcoming from the Department officers, who don't even pay compensation to the loss of coffee plants, estate owners have taken this initiative and it has proved a success too. The elephants entering estates has minimised, if not totally prevented.

Wild elephant menace is rampant in Aiguru, Kandanakolli, Kodlipet, Shirangala Nakoor, Abyathmangala, Chettalli and Seventh Hoskote in the North of the district and Srimangala, Ammathi, Thithimathi, Ponnampet, Kutta and Balele in Virajpet and Ponnampet taluks.

Forests in these areas mostly comprise teak wood which is why elephants are falling short of food and in jackfruit season, they raid the estates. Repeated requests of the villagers to the Forest Department to chase elephants back to the forest have fallen on deaf ears.

PATH IDENTIFIED AND DUMPED

Now in this season, jackfruits are found piled up on the roadsides and growers hope the elephants hog these jackfruits instead of entering into their plantations. But the planters cannot cut the jackfruit trees inside their own estates as they do not have tree rights and have to seek permission from the Department — a tedious job, especially during COVID times.

"We identify the path usually taken by elephants roaming around and dump tractor-loads of jackfruits on the way and also near lakes that are frequented by elephants. It is a big loss if a herd of 20 to 25 elephants enter an estate. We are not worried about them eating jackfruits but in the process, they destroy many coffee plants," says Arun Kumar, an estate owner at Abyathmangala.

On an average, over 1,000 kgs of jackfruits are dumped on the roadsides in the vicinity of every major estate. "We spend extra money and pay the labourers who make time to cut jackfruits amidst the tree-topping work," he added.

VILLAGERS OPPOSE MOVE

However, the trend has been opposed by some villagers in Abyathmangala-Kushalnagar Range who fear for their safety. They claimed that some of the estate owners' move is endangering their lives. Anil a, villager said that despite many pleas, the estate owners dump jackfruits by the side of the road and they can't even go on the road fearing wild tuskers.

However, Ajith Kumar, an estate owner on the Siddapura Road said that he had asked his estate workers to dump the fruits by the side of a lake that is frequented by elephant herds. "By mistake they have dumped on a roadside near the village and next time we will dump fruits on elephant path. Last year, we faced severe losses as many coffee tree branches were broken as herds entered my estate. This is the only visible solution," he said.

KSRTC is not Kerala's yet

No final orders passed; it's just whistling in the air, says Karnataka

Bengaluru, June 5 (BCT)- Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has clarified that media reports saying that the Central Trade Mark Registry has allowed Kerala to use KSRTC are factually incorrect and that no final order has been passed in the appeal.

Taking to twitter as widespread reactions has come on the reports on this social media platform, KSRTC Managing Director and IAS officer Shivayogi C. Kalasad, in a series of tweets, has pooh-poohed Kerala's claims.

Both Kerala and Karnataka SRTCs have been involved in a decades-old legal battle over the use of the abbreviation KSRTC and it was widely reported that Central Trade Marks Registry had announced its final verdict on Wednesday, and only Kerala SRTC can use the abbreviation KSRTC.

"These reports are factually incorrect as we have not received any such notice or order from the Central Trade Mark Registry as claimed, until today. No final orders have also been passed in the said appeals. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) was abolished by an Ordinance of the Central Government dated 04.04.2021 and all such pending applications will be transferred to the High Court for adjudication. So as on date, KSRTC's registration of the marks continues to be legally in force and the claim of KeralaSRTC in news reports that Karnataka State cannot use the trademarks is factually incorrect and legally untenable," he stated.

In the light of this, there is no legal prohibition against the use of the trademark KSRTC by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, he added.

On the Kerala Transport Secretary Biju Prabhakar issuing a notice to Karnataka, Kalasad said, "If and when such a notice is received, a suitable reply would be issued. We are currently consulting our lawyers to take effective legal steps to protect our rights. In the meanwhile, it is requested to restrain from publishing any such unverified and incorrect reports with legally untenable claims, as reportedly stated by KeralaSRTC. We reserve our right to legally defend our claim."

Car mishap

Three of a family burnt alive, two hurt

Malavalli, June 5 (SSV)- Three persons were burnt alive and two others sustained injuries when a car in which they were travelling fell into a gutter after the driver lost control over the vehicle and caught fire, near Halagur on Kanakapura-Dindigul National Highway yesterday.

The Police said the deceased have been identified as Shaikh Faizal (45), Civil Contractor, KG Halli, Bengaluru, and his children Suhana (12) and Shaikh Ahil (6). His wife, Mehak, 33 years, and daughter, Mahaira, 11 years, are injured and admitted to Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru.

DETAILS

The family started from Hanur in Chamarajanagar at around 6.30 am towards Bengaluru in a car (KA-04-MG-1583). As the vehicle was passing through a petrol pump in Halagur, Faisal, who was behind the wheels, lost control over the vehicle. Then the car hit a roadside stone and fell into the gutter. Due to impact, it caught fire. When those struck in the car cried for help, one Swamy and his friends of the same village who were walking nearby, managed to pull out two persons. But, three others who were struck inside, were charred. The local Police were able to inform relatives of the deceased as Faisal had thrown his mobile phone when the vehicle fell into the gutter.

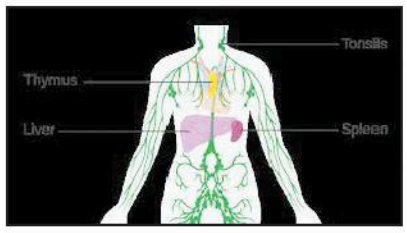
The two rescued, Mehak and Mahaira, were given first aid at Halagur Primary Health Centre and later shifted to Bengaluru for further treatment. The family members were going to Bengaluru after spending a few days in a friend's farm house near Hanur, due to lockdown.

On the receipt of information, a fire tender reached the spot and extinguished the fire. Senior Police officers visited the spot.

Halagur Police have registered a case and are investigating.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lymphatic



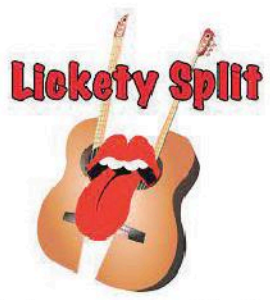
Pronunciation: lim-FAT-ik.
Meaning: Of, relating to, or produced by lymph, lymphoid tissue, or lymphocytes; conveying lymph; lacking physical or mental energy : sluggish.
Origin: Lymph is a pale liquid in the body that helps maintain fluid balance and removes bacteria from tissues. Today, we understand that lymph plays an important role in the body's immune system. In the past, however, it was commonly believed that an excess of lymph caused sluggishness—hence the "sluggish" meaning of lymphatic. The word lymph comes from Latin lympha (meaning "water" or "water goddess"), which itself may be a modification of the Greek word nymphē, meaning "nymph." Both lymph and its related adjective lymphatic have been used in English since the 17th century.
Example: "Apple cider vinegar is known to boost the immune system, help break up mucus, and support lymphatic drainage. Experts recommend mixing one to two tablespoon of apple cider vinegar with a glass of water and lemon juice three times a day to relieve allergy symptoms." — The Kane County Chronicle (Geneva, Illinois), 21 Apr. 2021

THE ODD WORD

Lagniappe
Gratuity.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Lickety-Split



Meaning: To do something "lickety-split" is to do it quickly, without delay.
Origin: What is known about the origin of this phrase? Not much. The word "lickety" looks like it derived from the word "lick." Then the word "split" is attached to the end of this expression. What does any of that have to do with speed? An odd phrase, for sure.
The earliest we have seen this saying in print is the mid-19th century. For example, it makes an appearance in the newspaper Adams Sentinel, 1847: "On we went, lickity-split, the harrycame blowed harder, the timbers began to creak, the sails split to ribbons, some of the spars begun to snap and go by the board, and then all at once there was a terrible cry, 'breakers ahead!' From the quote, you might have noticed it mentioned a "harrycame." We are not sure what that word means or if its just a misspelling, but looking at the context, it sounds like a "hurricane" is being talked about. Anyways, more to the point, this quote shows that this expression is at least 170 years old.

QUOTE BOX

Whoever is happy will make others happy too. **—Anne Frank**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

EAREACHSY

Answer: Within easy reach.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Large sea fish
4 Agreement
8 George Michael & Andrew Ridgeley
12 Abstract noun suffix
13 Dull pain
14 Bollywood's ___ Malini
15 Germs
17 Mischievous children
18 Moved upward
19 Poker hand
20 Couturier Cassini
22 Not fresh
24 ___ in : persuaded to take part?
26 Animal enclosure
27 Step in ballet
30 Shape of a spring
32 Obvious and distinct
34 Orig. sound track
35 Read Access Memory, in short
37 Rich cake
38 Gives in
40 Glance over
41 Breathes deeply
44 Sibling's daughter
46 Billionth as a prefix
47 Capital of South Australia
50 Nipa palm
51 Lower limbs
52 Promise
53 ___ on the back : praises, congratulates, or encourages?
54 Understanding term? (1,3)
55 French season

DOWN
1 Young bear
2 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
3 Impaired by age
4 Indian tennis ace
5 Measures of land
6 Printed patterned cotton fabric
7 Cha, for us Indians
8 In a ___ : soon?
9 Ex-India skipper Adhikari
10 "Maps" changed into electrical units
11 Reduce to a pulpy mass
16 Large cat
19 Stay on the water
20 Approximately (2,2)
21 Cuts off or severs
23 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners
25 Risks or braves
27 See, discern or discover
28 Pilaster - "at an" anagram?
29 British light submachine gun
31 Youth
33 Puccini opera
36 Sam ___ : Director of 1917
38 Cuts with an axe
39 Military blockade
41 Crack or break down with a click
42 Intl. Air Transp. Assoc.
43 Flying pest
45 Otherwise
47 Foreman foe
48 Full stop mark
49 Ram's mate

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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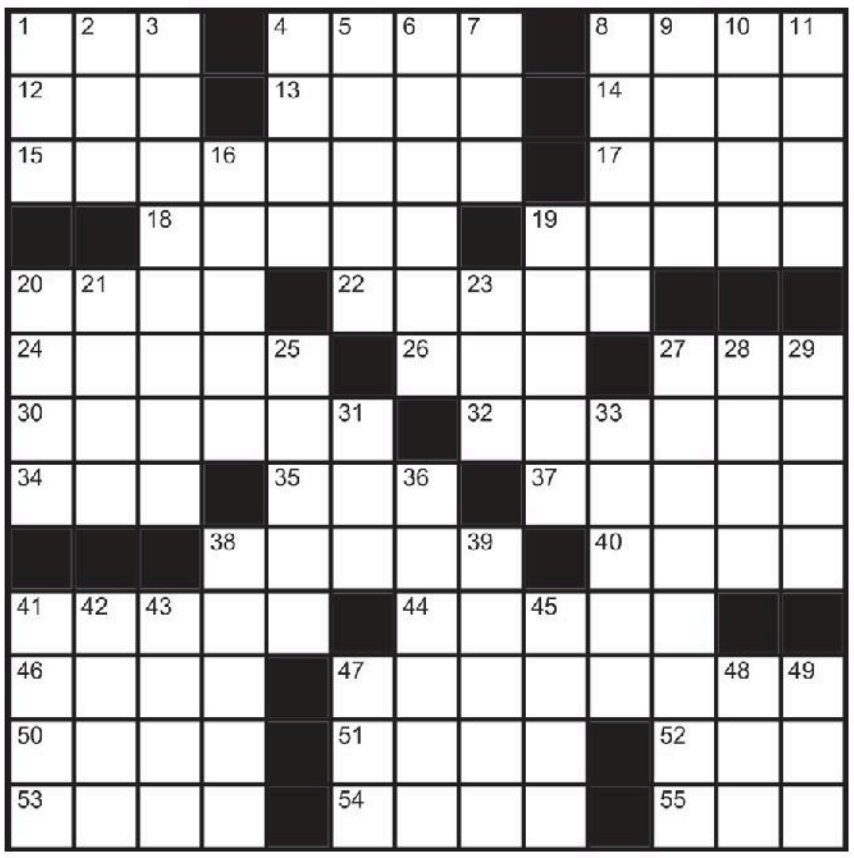

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	7	1	4	6	8	5	3	9
9	3	4	2	5	7	8	1	6
8	5	6	9	3	1	4	2	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LC LE JGCCGX CA JG VBCGQ PAX UVBC IAS BXG

CVBD CA JG TAKGQ PAX UVBC IAS BXG DAC.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The wages of sin are death, but by the time taxes are taken out, it's just sort of a tired feeling.

40 years of progress:

Time to end HIV epidemic

Reflect, Re-commit, Re-energise, Re-engage

Today, June 5, 2021 happens to be the 40th year of the first diagnosed HIV case in entire world. On this day, we want the world to look back into the epidemic, to reflect, re-commit, re-energise and re-engage, says Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman & Founder Trustee, Asha Kirana Charitable Trust Hospital, Mysuru.

Hemachand Jain,
[27.12.1934 - 24.7.2020]
Founder- Trustee,
who supported the dream and vision of Asha Kirana Hospital

By Dr. S.N. Mothi

No one is safe until everyone is safe..." This slogan is often heard during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which indeed is an echo of so many years of advocacy in the global scenario of HIV/ AIDS. This is the most appropriate time that we must learn from the challenges and responses of one pandemic and the other.

Today, June 5, 2021, marks 40 years since Los Angeles Physician Dr. Michael Gottlieb and colleagues published the first medical account of 5 cases of Pneumocystis Carnii Pneumonia which eventually became known as AIDS. Historically, in 1959 the first known case of HIV in a human occurred in a man who died in Congo, which later confirmed as HIV infection (from his preserved blood samples).

HIV/AIDS has claimed more than 32.7 million lives, dwarfing the toll of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, it is also a story of hope and heroes, of activism and ingenuity that spurred one of the most extraordinary scientific achievements of the 20th century. The development of antiviral drug combinations turned what had been a death sentence into a manageable chronic disease for millions and launched efforts to make these expensive medications available at low cost to the developing world. Today more than 26 million people are accessing antiretroviral therapy.

WHO defines 'key populations' as people in populations who are considered at increased HIV risk in all countries and regions. Key populations include: men who have sex with men; people who inject drugs; people in prisons and other closed settings; sex workers and their clients and transgender people. In Indian context, teenage labourers, migrant labourers and their spouse are also regarded 'key population.'

Key population groups and their sexual partners accounted for over 62 percent of all new HIV infections globally among the age group of 15-49 years in 2019. Prioritising key populations in the HIV response with appropriate interventions would have the biggest impact on the epidemic and reduce new infections.

- Bringing our learning from HIV/AIDS pandemic, Asha Kirana stepped up to provide COVID Care during the first wave
- Launched free vaccine initiative in partnership with PMD Trust Prakash Jewelers, Srirampet, Mysuru
- CII, MMC&RI, Gopala Gowda Hospital and Asha Kirana Hospital jointly launched ICU facility in Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital with the support of District Administration

Current Indian scenario

In 2019 at the national level, there were an estimated 23.49 lakh people living with HIV (PLHIV), with an adult (15-49 years) HIV prevalence of 0.22 %.

Maharashtra had the highest estimated number of PLHIV (3.96 lakh), followed by Andhra Pradesh (3.14 lakh), Karnataka (2.69 lakh), Uttar Pradesh (1.61 lakh), Telangana (1.58 lakh), Tamil Nadu (1.55 lakh), Bihar (1.34 lakh) and Gujarat (1.04 lakh). Together, these eight States constituted 72 percent of the total PLHIV estimates in the country.

Nationally, the annual new HIV infections has decreased by 37 percent since 2010. The decline in annual new HIV infections has been noted in all States/UTs except for Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh. The highest decline has been noted in Karnataka (75 percent), followed by Himachal Pradesh (74 percent) and Andhra Pradesh (65 percent).

Lessons from HIV/AIDS response to guide COVID-19 crisis

- The focus on COVID-19 pandemic must be to address issues of anxiety, fear and stigma by creating a culture of solidarity and kindness.
- Provide access to testing and correct information and guidance without further aggravating their anxiety and fear.
- Fear of hospitalisation leads to fear of disclosure and reporting late during illness hence must be approached with appropriate counselling. Inaccessibility of family and friends during their dying moments is a frequent concern expressed. These issues must be handled with utmost kindness maintaining ethics of care.
- Participation of various philanthropic individuals and organisations will strengthen the feeling of trust, confidence and faith to make a meaningful difference in such adversities.
- Appropriate steps must be taken to reduce stigma and discrimination faced against infected people, affected families and neighbourhoods. Safety, protection and insurance cover for frontline warriors especially health care workers is an important step to ensure their fearless participation in providing treatment, care and support.

Way forward

- In the process of enhancing investments during this COVID crisis, Govts must ensure the progress made towards ending the AIDS global epidemic by 2030 are NOT reversed through the diversion of resources.
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS, says: Ending AIDS means closing gaps and ensuring that no one is left behind. The HIV response is fundamentally about inequality — to end AIDS, we must end inequality. If over the next five years we meet these new targets, end inequalities in HIV treatment and HIV prevention and reduce the stigma and discrimination that holds back the HIV response, the world will be well on its way to ending AIDS by 2030.

[Source: UNAIDS, WHO, NACO]

Link PAN-Aadhaar card by

June-end to avail services: SBI

New Delhi, June 5- Nation's largest public sector bank, the State Bank of India (SBI) has issued a notice to its customers. The bank has intimated the account holders to link their PAN-Aadhaar card by the end of this month (June 30). SBI has further notified that failing to observe the norm will impact their ongoing services.

Taking to Twitter, country's largest public sector bank shared the information via their official handle, TheOfficialSBI. The bank officials apprised their customers to link their PAN card to Aadhaar number to avoid any inconvenience and continue enjoying seamless banking services. The notice was accompanied by a graphic message that conveys why linking PAN with Aadhaar is mandatory.

Permanent Account Number (PAN) is a ten-digit unique alphanumeric number which is issued by the Income Tax Department. It is an important financial document that is issued to prevent tax evasion by individuals and entities, as it links all financial transactions made by a particular person or entity. Through PAN card, Income Tax Department gets a detailed record of all major transactions for tax purposes.

The bank has notified its customers that if they are failed to link their PAN card with Aadhaar, then it will be rendered inoperative or inactive. It will also not be quoted for conducting specified transactions.

The officials also shared the website link *www.incometaxindiaefilling.gov.in,* where the account holder can easily link the documents online.

The documents can be linked following easy steps. After clicking the link, the account holders just have to click on the left pane, 'Link Aadhaar' and fill in the details.

The last date for linking PAN-Aadhaar is June 30. Failing to meet the deadline might result in inconvenience in availing of banking services or late fee charges.

Earlier, March 31 was finalised as the last date. However, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the deadline by three months till June 30.

Selected for Nalwadi

Krishnaraja Wadiyar Award

Mysuru, June 5- The following 12 achievers have been selected for Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Award by the District Administration:

Dr. G.S. Jayadeva (Education), Echanur Kumar (History of rulers of Mysuru), Dr. Shankaregowda (Medical), Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar (Music), Amshi Prasanna Kumar (Journalism), Hanasoge Somashekhar (Nalwadi Sahitya), Jeenahalli Siddalingappa (Folk), Kiragasuru Rajappa (Theatre), Gururaj (Paramparika Manteswamy Gayakaru), Arun Yogiraj (Sculpture), Rajendra (Anna Dasoha) and Arivu Shikshanika mattu Samskritika Trust (Education).

District In-charge Minister S.T. Somshekar, who paid floral tributes to the statue of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar on the ruler's 137th birth anniversary yesterday, stated that all the personalities will be honoured with the award once the State-wide COVID-19 lockdown is lifted. "A Committee headed by the then Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar was formed last year, but it was not possible to felicitate the awardees due to the pandemic," he said.

Reverse quarantine centre opened at Pramati Hillview School

Mysuru, June 5- The Mysuru City Corporation has joined hands with various NGOs to open a reverse quarantine facility in city to help those who test negative for COVID-19 but wish to isolate themselves from their family members who have tested positive for the disease.

Arogya Bharati, Sri Jain Swethambar Terapanth Samaj, GSS Foundation, Rotary and SKRDP have joined hands with the MCC to launch this centre at Pramati Hillview Academy School premises in city.

The persons willing to utilise this facility have to carry a negative RT-PCR test report and get it scrutinised by ward-level COVID team. Nodal Officers of COVID Mitra or COVID Telecare Centres will be issuing a recommendation letter to such persons so that they could isolate themselves in this facility. For details, call Mob: 91410-35524, according to a press release from State Secretary of Arogya Bharati Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar.

'Corona Kaalada Aapathu Yojane'

D. Devaraj Urs Development Corporation announces new scheme for COVID-affected

R. Raghu Kautilya

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&DM)- Coming to the rescue of women and youths (boys and girls) who either lost their earning family members or their own livelihood due to COVID pandemic, the State-run D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has announced a fresh scheme named 'Corona Kaalada Aaapathu Yojane.'

Announcing this at a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya said that 2 sub-plans will come under the scheme.

Pointing out that this scheme is being introduced marking the 39th death anniversary (June 6) of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs, who was the champion of backward classes, he said that a representation was made to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in this regard and the CM is most likely to give his assent for this new scheme in a day or two, following which the scheme will be officially launched.

He further said that Yediyurappa will garland the statue of D. Devaraj Urs in Vidhana Soudha premises at Bengaluru tomorrow on the occasion of the former Chief Minister's 39th death anniversary.

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya Raghu planting a sapling in the premises of Jaladarshini Guest House, marking World Environment Day today as others look on.

Explaining the salient features of this scheme, Raghu Kautilya said that as per the first plan of the scheme, 1,000 women beneficiaries in each district of the State will be distributed quality sewing machines for free. Likewise, 500 beneficiary youths (boys and girls) in each district will be distributed computers for free that are meant for earning a livelihood through DTP and other computer-based job works and services, he said.

Noting that the beneficiaries will be identified by the Corporation, Raghu clarified that the beneficiaries will be selected only from castes and sub-castes that come under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and communities belonging to 3a and 3b categories will be an addition only for this scheme.

Regarding the second plan, Raghu said that Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000 will be advanced as fixed-term loans to street vendors and other micro vendors coming under local bodies. The interest on such loans will be very nominal and applications for selecting the beneficiaries under this plan will be called after the lockdown ends, he added.

COVID War Room receives 4,183 calls

Referring to the functioning of COVID War Room, of which he is In-Charge, Raghu said that COVID War Room in the city has received 4,183 help calls so far, out of which 3,089 calls have been addressed and the rest of the callers have been suitably guided. The addressed calls included 2,102 related to General beds in Hospitals, 173 on Oxygen beds, 500 on HCUs, 225 on ICUs and 89 on ICUs with ventilator.

Pointing out that the patients were allotted beds and guided to specified medical facilities only through the Health Department portal, Raghu asserted that the War Room has been functioning effectively, leaving no scope for complaints.

He lauded AYUSH Director Dr. B.S. Seethalakshmi, Lt. Col. Dr. S.U. Ashok, Assistant Commissioner N.C. Venkataraju, other officials, NCC cadets and all other volunteers for their excellent work.

BJP leaders Jogi Manju, H. Giridhar and Gopalraju were present at the press meet.

Later, Raghu planted a sapling in the premises of Jaladarshini Guest House, marking World Environment Day today.

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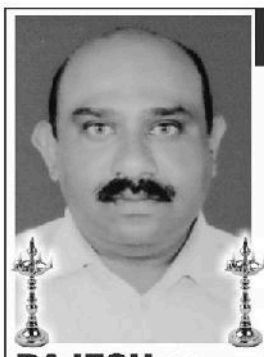

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RAJESH (Advocate)
—Shri Gayathri Temple Family & Friends

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